

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

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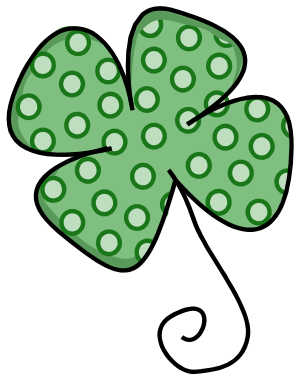


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FRIEND OF YOUTH

## Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011



### This Weeks Guest Speaker:

*Youth of the Month*

#### GREETER:

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jay Stapleton

March 23<sup>RD</sup>  
Ken Neff

Check out the new Newsletter layout



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## Etiquette 101

Our guest speakers donate their time to present their topic to our club. Please be considerate and give them your full attention.

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### **Last week's winners**

Mystery Optimist – John Kratz

50/50 Cash – Gloria Kunkle

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## Upcoming Events

Listed below are our upcoming events. If you or anyone you know could help out at any of these events please contact Meredith Prebeg (President) [rlelectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rlelectric.meredith@frontier.com)

- Board Meeting** – March 15th @ Ballyhoos 5:15pm  
**WJMT radio plug** – March 16th Listen at 8:40am WJMT 730AM  
**Tri-Star Basketball** – March 19th 9:00am @ PRMS Field House  
**Children's Festival** – April 9th @ MARC 10 – 2:00pm  
**Easter Egg Hunt** – April 16th @ Kitchenette Park -  
**Protective Service Banquet** – May 4th @ Eagles Club

## Upcoming Speakers

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>** Lyn Pank – M&I security Officer – Fraud (Kiwanis will be joining us.)  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>** Tana Frost & Youth – Peer Players  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>** Karen M Redmond - Toast Masters  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Rich Thwaites - Lincoln County Drug free coalition happenings  
**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Youth of the Month

*If you have a topic or a speaker in mind for our meetings please **contact Amanda Kostman** at [akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us)*

## Upcoming Birthdays

We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.com)  
 I know many of us do not “celebrate” our special day but in fact it is special and we would love to acknowledge it. No years needed, just Month and Day

### March

- 11 Greg Eichelkraut  
 26 John Sample  
 29 Douglas Williams



# President's Page

**Hello club members,**

Are we thinking spring yet? I know I am! I do love the seasons that WI offers but truthfully speaking I'm done with this winter season! So my mind turns to spring cleaning and all the wonderful upcoming spring events that will be happening for our youth in the upcoming months. One specific event comes to mind today and that is the **Easter Egg Hunt!** Optimist partner with the Merrill Area Park and Recreation department to offer this fun filled morning event to our area youth. **This year's event will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>** and will be taking place at Stange's Park. A flyer will be coming out shortly with more information.

If you have not participated in this event in the past, please consider helping out. We will need a few volunteers to help fill the eggs, place them throughout the park, help families get ready to participate, wearing the bunny suit (let me know if you want that one right away so I don't get to many signed up!!!) and take photos. If you aren't available to help on that day consider donating gently used stuffed animals that can be used during the event. You can bring any stuffed animals you happen to find during your spring cleaning to club and I will coordinate getting them to Dawn at the parks department.

**Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be routed soon!**

Thinking of spring AND SEEING YOU AT CLUB,

Meredith Prebeg  
President



## *The Optimist Creed*

### **Promise Yourself-**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on.
- To the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

# Tidbits

**\*Fairgrounds Event and Marketing meeting**

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/fairgrounds-event-and-marketing-meeting/>

**\*Community Involvement in Teen Court**

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/lincoln-county-teen-court/community-involvement/>

**NEEDED NOW!!! Teen Court Steering Committee:** This group is comprised of Youth and Adults from both school districts, Law Enforcement, Justice System Personnel, Community Organizations, and Citizens. They provide oversight and decision making for the entire Teen Court Program. The next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm to design the training that will take place in March and April for the Panel Members.

**\*Hayley Schoeppler:** has now begun her internship in Japan. Follow her experience thru her Blog.

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/23/anyone-can-speak-7-languages/>

\* **Ladies Night** – March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm @ Eagles Club (See attachment)

\* **Business After Hours** – March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm @ Club Modern (See attachment)

**Merrill Optimist  
chartered  
Boy Scouts  
Pack 502**



**Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502** – Nancy Stadler [nancy.stadler@micorp.com](mailto:nancy.stadler@micorp.com)

**Pack 502 Leader** – Derek Krzanowski [derek@amplify.com](mailto:derek@amplify.com)

Pack meets:

# New Members

**Name:** Jamie Kalvestran

**Hometown:** I was born and raised Merrill.

**DOB:** November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Family:** 2 grown children - 1 Daughter, 1 Son and 1 Granddaughter!

**Pets:** 1 dog - Airedale named Bastian

**Occupation:** Self Employed - Kalvestran Inc. Product designer.

**Hobbies:** Golf

**Sponsor:** Lana Strassman

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:** I like the perspective and the opportunity to give back to a great community.



**Name:** Brenda Marie Check

**Hometown:**

I was born in Stevens Point, raised in the small town of Bevent.

**DOB:** May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Family:** Married to my high school sweetheart Jerry for 22

"Fabulous" years. We have 2 amazing children, daughter Christine and son Derek.

**Occupation:** Relationship Consultant for Park City Credit Union

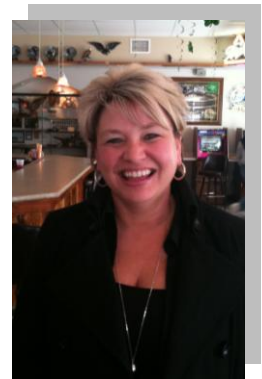
**Pets:** Miniature Dachshund named Smokey

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family and friends is a HUGE part of my life.

**Sponsor:** Marci Borchardt

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:**

I am excited to be a part of a great organization.



# Youth of the Month

January



## Emily Klade

Merrill Noon Optimist Club has selected Emily Klade for the January Youth Optimist who was nominated by Jean Bowen and Janeen LaBorde. Mrs. Bowen writes that Emily is “overall an excellent student” and always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. Emily is very creative and is committed to excellence in her every day work. Mrs. LaBorde states that “Emily has high expectations for herself and works hard to reach them”. “Her work is meticulous and always of high quality”. Mrs. LaBorde also says that “Emily seldom has anything on her face other than a smile”.

Emily currently has a 3.95 GPA and is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in her class of 277. She has taken such classes as AP Psychology, AP Lit and Comp, Advanced Biology and Enhanced Algebra 1, Algebra 2 Honors and Chemistry 2.

She has received medals and letter for Merrill Academic Scholar and has been on the High School Honor roll for her first three years.

Some of the high school activities that Emily is involved in are Marching Band all four years, Clarinet Section Leader, Concert Band all four years, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Graduation Band, and Solo Ensembles. She played softball for three years along with Merrill Babe Ruth Softball. Emily is also involved in Earth Club, Math League, National Honor Society, Link Crew and FACT.

Locally Emily has been involved in Read Across America, Summer Library Program volunteer, Homecoming activities and babysitting.

Emily’s goal is to graduate from a UW school with a degree in Medical Science. Emily is the daughter of Jayson and Karla Klade.

# Donations



**\$500.00 to  
the  
After the Bell  
Program**

[www.merrilloptimist.org](http://www.merrilloptimist.org)



# Octagon Club



Valentines



Cookies



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Pine Crest

